

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 FIRST SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31

5 Introduced by Bromm, 23

6 WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation, on Saturday, March
7 1, 2003, at the annual Statehood Day dinner, held in the Nebraska
8 State Capitol, presents the distinguished Nebraskalander Award,
9 along with the Wagonmaster, Trailblazer, and Pioneer awards; and

10 WHEREAS, the Wagonmaster Award is presented to John
11 Rosenow, who is now the President of the National Arbor Day
12 Foundation which has more than one million members. Under his
13 leadership the foundation created the Tree City USA community
14 forestry program and developed the National Arbor Day awards
15 program which involves students in fifty thousand classrooms. In
16 1971, at the age of 21, John was the nation's youngest State Travel
17 Director and won two Discover America awards for creating the
18 "Nebraska....the good life" tourism marketing program; and

19 WHEREAS, the Pioneer Award is presented to Harold
20 Stevens, who earned the honor of being Nebraska's first inductee
21 into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. He has spent nearly sixty
22 years in 4-H work with thousands of young people and assisting many
23 teams to win awards at national 4-H competitions. He has also led
24 youth tours to Russia, China, and Europe. He has won numerous
25 other awards for his work with youth including the Ak-Sar-Ben
26 Agricultural Achievement Award and the USDA Award of Superior

1 Service; and

2 WHEREAS, the Trailblazer Award is presented to U.S. Navy
3 Lt. Shane Osborn, who on April 1, 2001, was commanding a mission
4 over international airspace in the South China Sea when his
5 reconnaissance airplane was intercepted by two Chinese jet
6 fighters. One of the fighters collided with Lt. Osborn's airplane
7 causing major damage. Lt. Osborn regained control of his crippled
8 airplane and had no choice but to land at an air base on the
9 Chinese Island of Hainan. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying
10 Cross and the Meritorious Service Medal for his actions in saving
11 his airplane and crew; and

12 WHEREAS, the distinguished NEBRASKALANDER Award is
13 presented to James and Ruth Keene, who have helped many civic and
14 fine arts organizations. They were the founders of the concert
15 series in Brownville and the founders of the Opera Omaha Council.
16 They have also been honored as the Omaha United Way Volunteers of
17 the Year. Ruth is president of the Museum of Nebraska Art and a
18 board member of the Willa Cather Foundation. James is a Trustee of
19 Doane College, a board member of the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival,
20 and past president of the Omaha Symphony Council. James and Ruth
21 have also received the Bemis Center for the Arts Award for their
22 work.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

25 1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to
26 these honorees for their service to the State of Nebraska.

27 2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all
28 honorees.